

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: EXCHANGE OF TRANSIT TRAFFIC	DOCKET NO. SPU-00-7 TF-00-275 (DRU-00-2)
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ORDER DESIGNATING PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued October 25, 2001)

On May 19, 2000, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a petition with the Utilities Board (Board) for a declaratory order regarding the exchange of local traffic by wireless and other local calling entities using Qwest's facilities. Qwest's petition was identified as Docket No. DRU-00-2. However, due to the complexity and number of issues presented by the petition, the Board subsequently docketed the petition as a contested case proceeding, identified as Docket No. SPU-00-7.

Hearings were held in this matter commencing on February 13, 2001, and continuing intermittently through April 19, 2001. Since the close of the hearings, two of the three Board members who presided at the hearing have become unavailable to the agency for purposes of this docket.

Iowa Code § 17A.11(1)"b" (2001) gives the Board the discretion to designate one or members of the agency as a presiding officer for purposes of any particular proceeding. The Board will exercise its discretion and appoint Board Member Diane Munns as the presiding officer in this docket. Board Member Munns presided at the

hearing as a member of the Board and is available to prepare findings of fact and conclusions of law in this matter.

Pursuant to § 17A.15(2), Board Member Munns shall issue a proposed decision. That decision may then become the final decision, pursuant to § 17A.15(3), unless there is an appeal to, or review on motion of, the Board within the time provided by 199 IAC 7.8(2) (2001).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 17A.11(1)"b," Board Member Diane Munns is designated as the presiding officer in this matter.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25th day of October, 2001.